

Generally, there are four different types of streets. They are classified because each serves a particular function according to the different land uses they serve. To better understand the four types, a brief discussion is offered.

The local street provides direct access to abutting property and is most commonly thought of as a residential street. Its pavement width is narrow as the traffic is generally light. The local street also serves as a design element in planning for a neighborhood; for instance, a curvilinear street pattern can encourage a stimulating and attractive arrangement of houses.

The collector street is primarily another residential street that drains the traffic off local streets and leads it to a major street. The collector street is of a slightly greater width than a local street as it carries a larger volume of traffic.

The major street - or major thoroughfare - provides a means of cross-town travel to the major working, shopping and living areas in a city. This type of street is used in delineating neighborhoods and serves as a buffer between two land uses. The width of a major street is from three to six lanes, depending on the volume of traffic.

The freeway is different from the other three types. It has controlled access rather than direct access and connects cities rather than neighborhoods. It is also designed for higher speeds than the others.

Streets serve the above-described functions at least in terms of traffic volumes but not necessarily in design. This has been concluded by City and State analyses of travel habits in Thomasville. The City has recognized the inadequacies in the present street system and has contracted with the State Highway Commission to have a major thoroughfare plan prepared.

#### Street Maintenance and Construction

Street maintenance and construction are the responsibility of Thomasville's Street Division of the City's Public Works Department, and the State Highway Commission. As of 1963, the City was maintaining approximately 65 miles and the State 22 miles of roads.